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ACTIVATION OF EXTERNAL)
DEVICES IN ASSOCIATION)
WITH VIDEO PROGRAMS)
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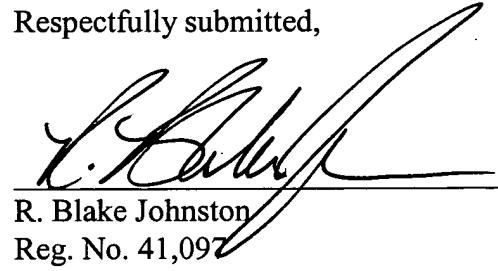
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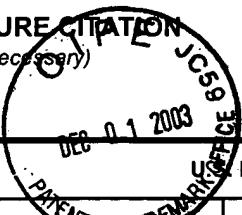
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